Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ruby Marie McLaird was born on December 31, 1914, to Anna (Lizzie) Elisa Katheriena Wede and Harry Detlap Rochel; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Ruby married Ernest Clinton McLaird and to this union five children were born: Glenn, Darrel, James, Robert and Marilyn, who in turn blessed them with seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Ruby enjoys crafts, embroidery work, needle point and quilting, and she has made a special quilt for each of her grandchildren as wedding gifts; and,
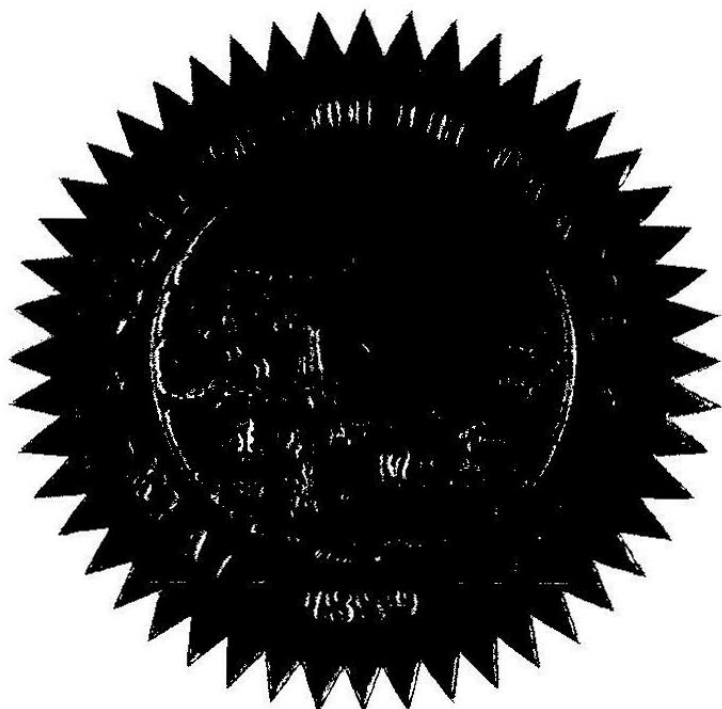
Whereas, Ruby is described by her grandchildren as an incredibly loving and supportive grandmother who is willing to share her time and knowledge and brings great joy to others; and,

Whereas, Ruby observed her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and family gathered to honor her at an open house on December 31, 2004, to celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:
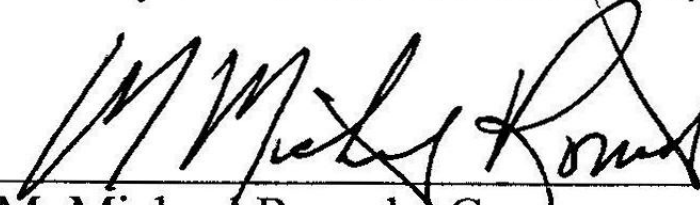
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 31, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State